NSF CPS Synergy: Collaborative Research: Towards Effective and Efficient SensingMotion Co-Design of Swarming Cyber Physical Systems

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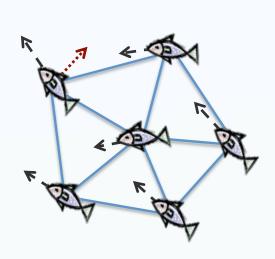


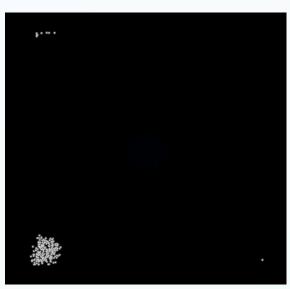




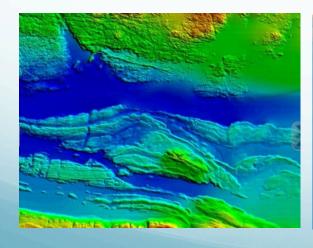
Swarming Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS)



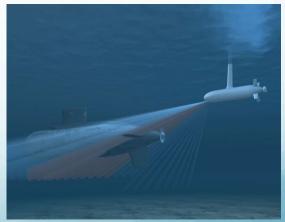




Berdahl, Torney, Ioannou, Faria, & Couzin, *Science*, 2013







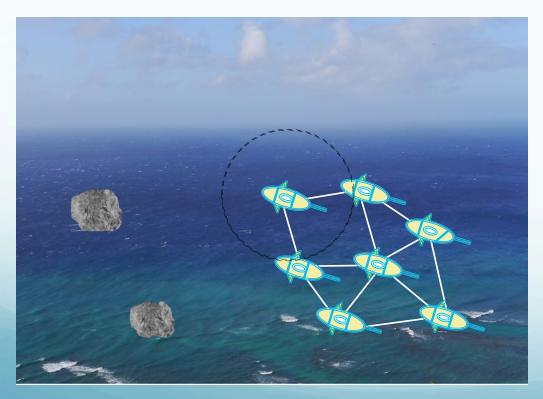
Environmental mapping

Source seeking

Tracking

Grant Challenges and Objectives

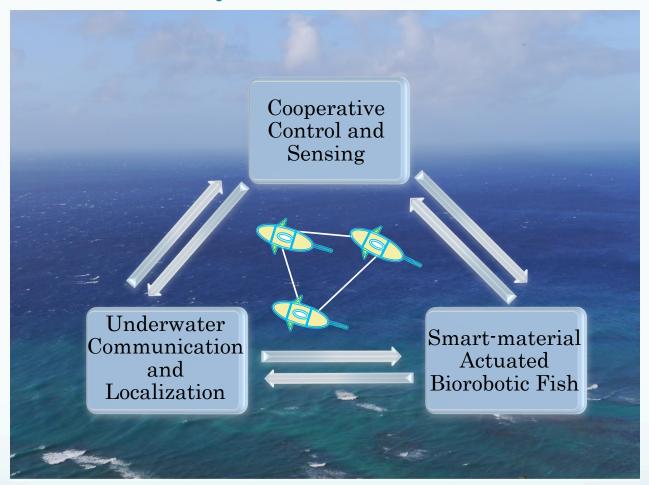
Objective: establish and demonstrate a generic motion-sensing co-design procedure that significantly reduces the complexity of mission design for swarming CPS, and greatly facilitates the development of effective and efficient control and sensing strategies.



Challenges

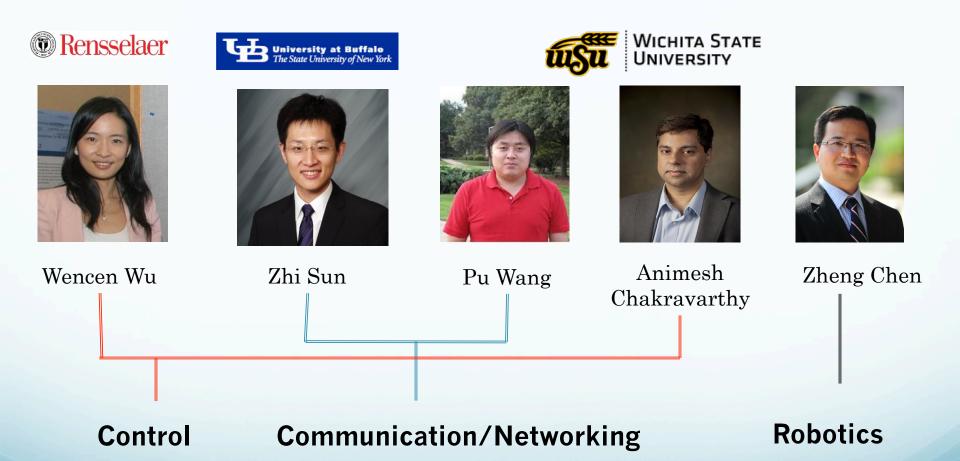
- Inherent environmental uncertainties
- Complex and strongly coupled sensing-motion dynamics
- Harsh environments
- Resource constraints of mobile entities

Key Contributions

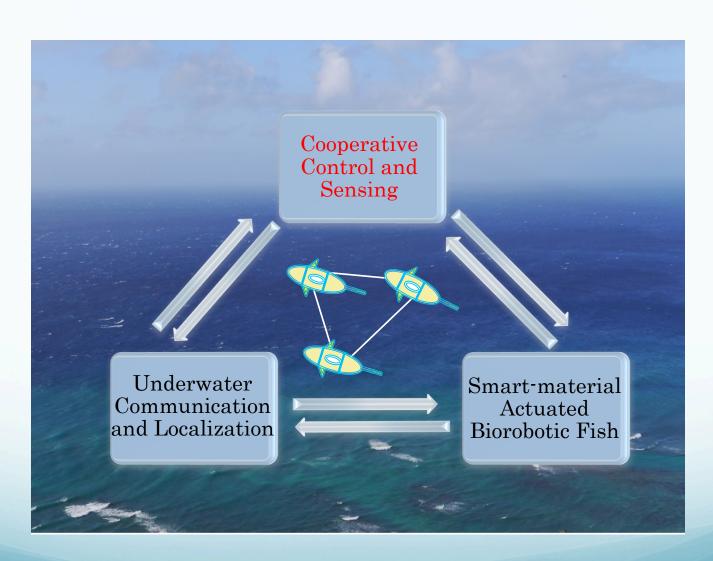


- Offer **comprehensive scientific understanding** of the interplay between sensing and motion dynamics of swarming CPS
- Contribute to generic engineering principles for designing collaborative control strategies for increasingly complex CPS missions
- Advance the enabling technology of practically applying CPS in the challenging but emerging environments

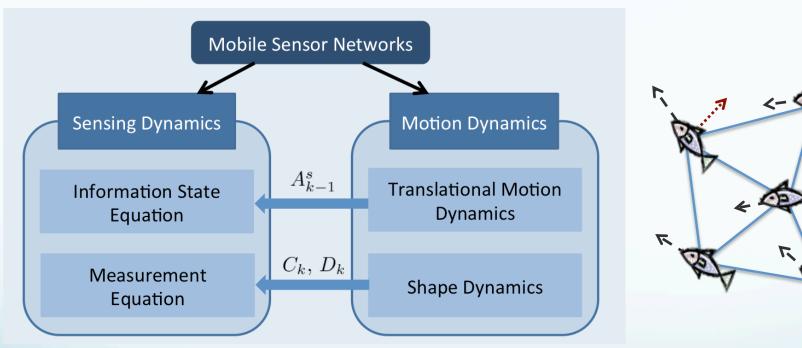
The Team

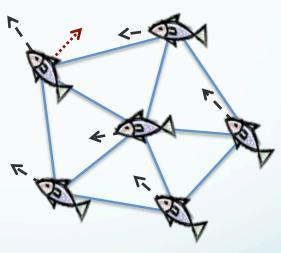


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A Generic Motion-Sensing Co-design Procedure

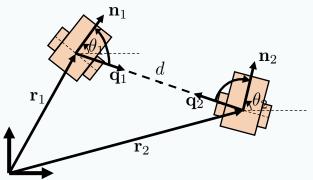


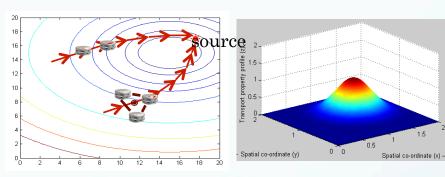


Gradient Free Source Seeking – The SUSD Strategy

Provably-correct Distributed Velocity Control Laws

- Modulate linear velocity (forward speed) only according to its local measurements to achieve source seeking
- Control angular velocity to maintain a desired formation with one-hop neighbors





Key attributes

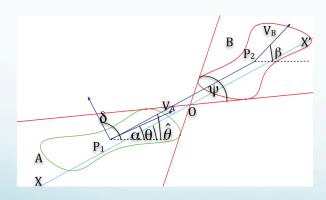
- limited resources-required
- fast convergence in 2D/3D scalar fields
- robust under deterministic/stochastic perturbations

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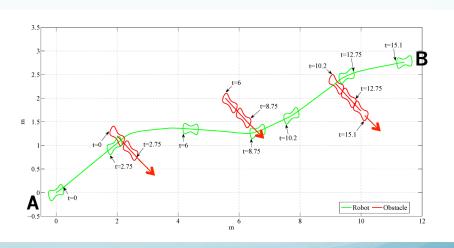


Collision Avoidance

- Collision avoidance is an important requirement in vehicle swarms.
 - Inter-swarm collision avoidance
 - Intra-swarm collision avoidance
- We propose to employ the collision cone approach to determine analytical guidance laws for collision avoidance.
 - Computational light
 - More space freedom without circles/polygons applications
 - Applicable for 3-D maneuver through a small mobile/static orifice



Collision Between Objects of Arbitrary Shapes

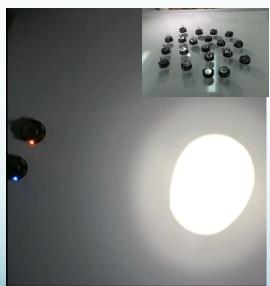


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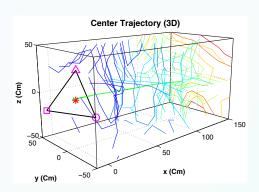


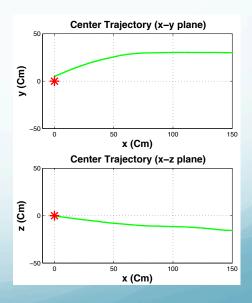
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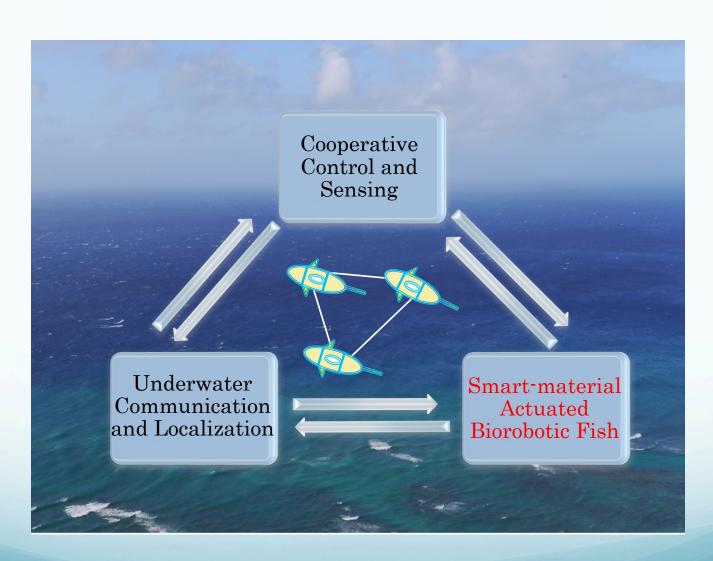
Simulation Results in 3D



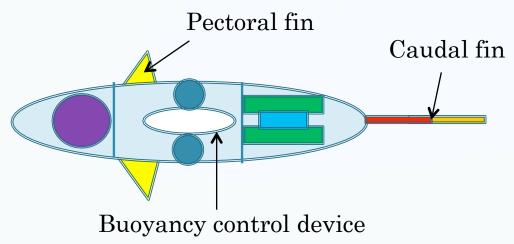


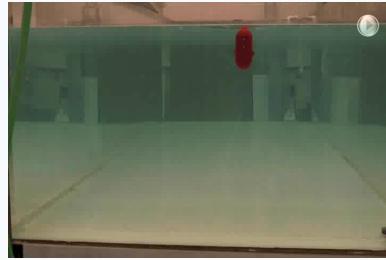


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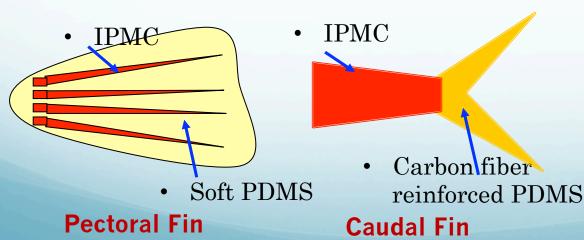
Smart Material Actuated 3D Maneuverable Robotic Fish

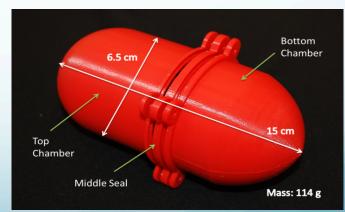




Overall Design

Novelty: Ionic Polymer-Metal Composites (IPMCs) IPMC Enabled Water Electrolysis are used as artificial muscle and electrolyzer.



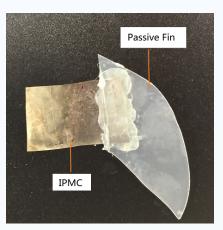


Buoyancy Control Device (Um et al, 2011)

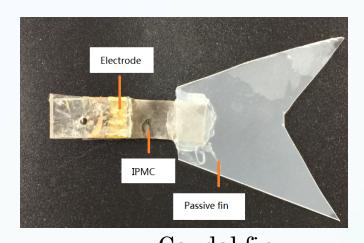
Fabrication Result



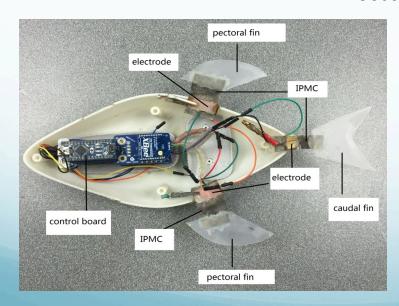
Xbee communication



Pectoral fin

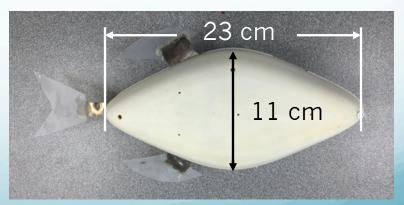


Caudal fin



Inside the robotic fish

• The total weight of the robot: 290 grams



Assembled robotic fish

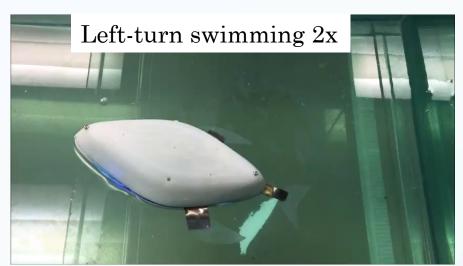
Swimming Test

T. Yang and Z. Chen, "Development of 2D Maneuverable Robotic Fish Propelled By Multiple Ionic Polymer-Metal Composite Artificial Fins" Proc. of the 2015 IEEE Conference on Robotics and Biomimetics, Zhuhai, China, to appear, 2015

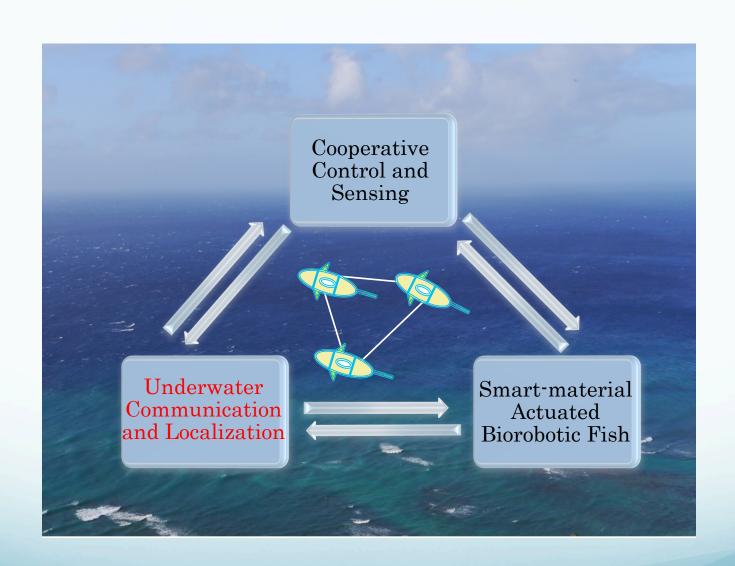
The forward-swimming speed reached 0.5 cm/sec, and both the left-turning and right-turning speeds reached up to 1.5 rad/sec.



Forward swimming 2x







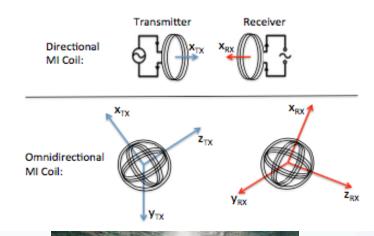
MI Underwater Communications & Localization

I. F. Akyildiz, P. Wang, and Z. Sun, "Realizing Underwater Communication through Magnetic Induction", to appear in IEEE Communications Magazine, 2015.

• MI communication is realized by a time varying magnetic field through novel 3D coil antenna

Key advantages:

- negligible signal propagation delay
- large bandwidth (~ MHz)
- sufficiently long transmission range (~ hundred meters)
- very small (~ centimeters) & low cost coil antenna (~ 1 dollar per unit)
- highly constant & predicable channel response in harsh underwater environment
 - * shallow water
 - * confined & cluttered UW structures

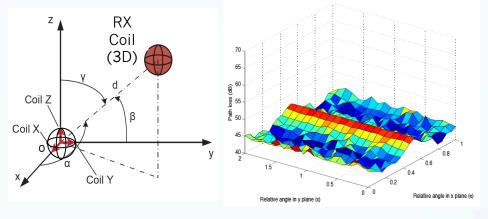




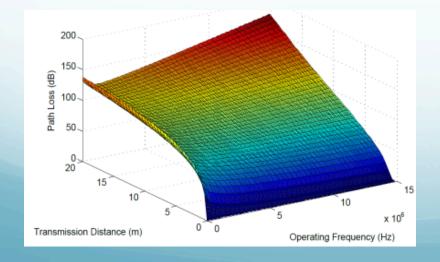
Underwater MI Channel Model

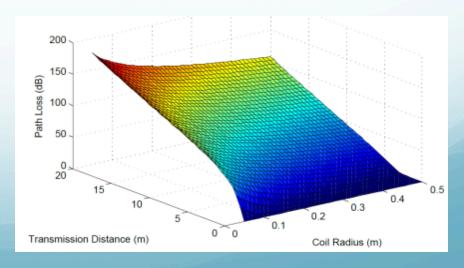
H. Guo, Z. Sun, and P. Wang, "Channel modeling of MI UW communication using tri-directional coil antenna," in Proc. IEEE Globecom 2015, San Diego, USA, 2015

- MI antenna with 3 orthogonal coils
 - Omni-directional communication
 - Rigorous channel model reveals:
 - 20 m communication range
 - Optimal frequency at 10 MHz
 - Small coil (10 cm in diameter)
 - Can be used for 3D localization



Pathloss independent of relative locations between sensors





Underwater Software-Defined Radio Testbed



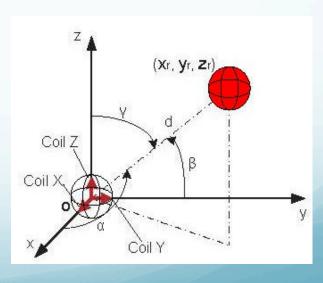


MI-based Relative Localization

X. Tian, Z. Sun, and P. Wang, "On Localization for Magnetic Induction-based Wireless Sensor Networks in Pipeline Environments," in Proc. of IEEE ICC, June 2015.

- Multi-path fading-free MI channel & orthogonality of tri-coil MI antennas
 - → accurate, simple, convenient localization





Next Steps

- The integration of control, sensing, communication, and localization in robotic fish
- Implementation of the source-seeking and collision avoidance strategies in robotic fish
- 3D maneuverable robotic fish design & optimization
- MI transceiver optimization and protocol design

Publications Resulted from this Project 01/2015 – 11/2015

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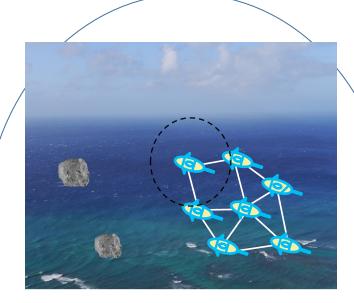
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- Harsh environments
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Solution:

- Cooperative sensing and control strategy
- Smart material actuated robotic fish
- MI-based underwater communication and localization

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Scientific Impact:

- Understanding of the coupled sensing and motion dynamics
- Generic engineering principles for designing collaborative control and sensing strategies
- Enabling technology of applying CPS in challenging environments

Broader Impact:

- Advance in the environmental sustainability, homeland security, and human wellbeing
- Course integration
- Student training